



# Town of Groton, Connecticut

## Meeting Agenda

### Town Council

45 Fort Hill Road  
Groton, CT 06340-4394  
Town Clerk 860-441-6640  
Town Manager 860-441-6630

*Mayor Heather Bond Somers, Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson*

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

### REGULAR MEETING

#### I. ROLL CALL

#### II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

#### III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

#### IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

#### V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

#### VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

##### a. Approval of Minutes

2012-0272 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 4, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

##### b. Administrative Items

2012-0264 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Margaret and Frank Adams - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Lois Babcock - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$15.51 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Kay Chester - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

David and Veronica Cousens - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Amy D'Amico - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Richard Davies - \$45.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Linda Fox - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Elisa Giommi - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Kay Janney - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

Jean Kennedy - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Bonnie Laganga - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Stephen and Johanna Lamb - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
E. C. Lambert - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Clifton Martelle - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
William Martin - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Louis and Lenore Milner - \$100.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Gail Narita - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Bao Nguyen - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Donald O'Neil - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Demetrios Orphanides - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Thomas Powden - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Robert and Lynn Rogers - 20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
James and Ann Sailors - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Marilyn and John Turkowski - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
William White - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
City of Groton Matching Funds Check - \$34.33 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Anonymous - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Edward and Catherine Kolnaski - \$75.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary  
Friends of Fitch for Groton Community Boating Club Program - \$500.00 - Parks and Recreation  
Revolving  
Theodore and Annette Ainslie - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Marie Andersen - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
June Barrack - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Robert and Phyllis Boggs - \$14.59 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Harold and Mary Brenton - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
David and Deborah Downes - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Henry and Patricia Durham - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Clifford Farrington - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Elaine Finn - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Martine Flory - \$6.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Dennis and Diane Haines - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Maryanne Haluga - \$12.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Dolores Haury - \$15.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Darrell and Dorothy Haynes - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Hickey Family LLP - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Paul and Dorothy Huber - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Raymond Hudson - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Constance Miller - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Diana Morales - \$25.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Armbandand Nancy Morin - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Sandra Morse - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Barbara and Linwood Navarro - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Patricia Pearce - \$30.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Anne and John Potter - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Henry and Carol Reiling - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Kelly Ann Richardson - \$20.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Nidia and Bernard Somers - \$2.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Stebbins Real Estate - \$50.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Emily Thomas - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Barbara Weeman - \$10.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Donald Wyle - \$5.00 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program  
Charles Rogers - \$35.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund  
Lee Vincent - \$50.00 - Social Services Discretionary Fund

**c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List**

2012-0157	OpSail 2012 - Update	Referral
2012-0219	Appointment of William Everett as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission	Referral
2012-0265	Results of Operations - FYE 2012	Referral
2012-0266	Connection Fund Donation	Referral
2012-0267	Reappointment of Eunice Sutphen to Inland Wetlands Agency	Referral
2012-0268	Reappointment of Ilona Oberman to Housing Authority	Referral
2012-0269	Reappointment of John Wirzbicki to Water Pollution Control Authority	Referral
2012-0270	Reappointment of Richard Dixon to Jabez Smith House Committee	Referral
2012-0271	Appointment of Natalie Billing to Housing Authority	Referral

**VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)**

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Schmidt
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Watson
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Peruzzotti
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Antipas
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Somers

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****X. NEW BUSINESS**

2012-0219	Appointment of William Everett as a Regular Member of the Historic District Commission	Referral
RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM EVERETT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION		

RESOLVED, that William C. Everett, 1 Prospect Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 12/31/12.

Legislative History

7/10/2012 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

7/17/2012 Town Council Re-referred Town Council Personnel/Appo  
*This item was re-referred to the Town Council Personnel/Appointments/Rules Committee for further discussion.*

9/11/2012 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

**2012-0266 Connection Fund Donation Referral**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DIRECT THE DONATION MADE BY THE CONNECTION FUND, INC. TO THE ELIHU SPICER TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, The Connection Fund, Inc., a not for profit 501(c)3 status organization that provides supporting housing to moderate and low income families, owns a number of properties in the Town of Groton, and

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Town Council, The Connection Fund, Inc. has presented a donation in lieu of taxes to the Town of Groton in the amount of \$10,000, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Human Services has indicated that the Elihu Spicer Trust Fund, a long-time source of financial assistance to Groton families and individuals in need, is rapidly being exhausted due to increased client need and falling interest rates, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council directs Town Manager Mark Oefinger to accept the donation made by The Connection Fund, Inc. and to direct it to the Elihu Spicer Trust Fund.

Legislative History

9/4/2012 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of the

9/11/2012 Town Council Committee of Discussed  
the Whole

*Town Manager Oefinger noted receipt of an unsolicited check in the amount of \$10,000 from The Connection Fund, Inc. that owns a number of properties in the Town. The Connection Fund, Inc. provided the donation as a payment in lieu of taxes. The check has been deposited into the General Fund, but the Town Manager asked the Council if they would like to consider directing the funds someplace else, such as the Spicer Fund. Discussion followed and Councilors expressed support for moving the funds to the Spicer Fund.*

9/11/2012 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a  
the Whole Resolution  
*Discussion followed on the trust fund and interest earning.*

**2012-0267 Reappointment of Eunice Sutphen to Inland Wetlands Agency Referral**

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING EUNICE SUTPHEN TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

RESOLVED, that Eunice Sutphen, 120 Cedar Road, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Inland Wetlands Agency for a term expiring 12/31/13.

Legislative History

9/11/2012 Town Council Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

**2012-0268 Reappointment of Ilona Oberman to Housing Authority Referral**

## RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ILONA OBERMAN TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Ilona V. Oberman, 14 Overlook Avenue, Mystic, is reappointed as a member of the Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/17.

Legislative History

9/11/2012      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

- 2012-0269      **Reappointment of John Wirzbicki to Water Pollution Control Authority**      **Referral**

## RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JOHN WIRZBICKI TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that John C. Wirzbicki, 355 Brook Street, is reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/15.

Legislative History

9/11/2012      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

- 2012-0270      **Reappointment of Richard Dixon to Jabez Smith House Committee**      **Referral**

## RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD DIXON TO THE JABEZ SMITH HOUSE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Richard D. Dixon, 15 Route 27, Old Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Jabez Smith House Committee for a term expiring 09/07/14.

Legislative History

9/11/2012      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

- 2012-0271      **Appointment of Natalie Billing to Housing Authority**      **Referral**

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING NATALIE BILLING TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

RESOLVED, that Natalie Billing, 15 Ashby Street, Mystic, is appointed as a member of the Housing Authority for a term ending 7/31/16.

Legislative History

9/11/2012      Town Council      Recommended for a  
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution  
/Legislation Committee (2011)

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS****XII. ADJOURNMENT**